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NEW LOCOMOTIVE SUCCESSFULLY TESTED;
RAILROAD MINISTER REPLACED

SECOND ONE SERIALY PRODUCED -- Trud, No 295, 2 Sep 49

The Georgi Dimitrov locomotive and car plant started test runs on its second serially produced freight locomotive. The crew had pledged to construct two locomotives, of the type produced last year, in excess of the plan to commemorate the anniversary of 9 September 1944. One of the locomotives, was finished on 30 August and was ready for testing on 31 August. Golovnikov, director of the plant, praised crew members for this major achievement.

The new locomotive, painted green, bears the serial number 45-08, and will have a maximum speed of 50 to 55 kilometers an hour. According to the workers, it is superior to some imported models, besides representing a great saving of foreign exchange and providing work for domestic labor.

The cab is large and holds the ashboxes and smokeboxes, doing away with many valves which were easily broken. The locomotive is provided with electric motors. Dimitur Ivanov, chairman of the Locomotive Workers' Union, commended its equipment. All parts were delivered on time, and about 50,000 leva were saved in production cost; work schedules were 11.92 percent shorter than last year, and production cost decreased 4 percent.

The new locomotive reached Bankya Railway Station without incident and then returned to the Georgi Dimitrov plant. Its next test run will be to Plovdiv.

KHANKOV NAMED RAILROAD MINISTER -- Dagens Nyheter, No 272, 8 Oct 49

Reuters -- Minister of Railroads Stefan Tonchev and his deputy Vassil Markov have been discharged because they were unable to carry out their duties.

Politburo Member Georgi Khankov has been appointed Minister of Railroads.

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